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SUBJECT: APRIL 17 MINDANAO REFERENDUM

REF: A) MANILA 5492; B) MANILA 5125

1. DESPITE CONTINUING UNCERTAINTIES REGARDING POSITION OF MNLF AND ISLAMIC CONFERENCE, APRIL 17 MINDANAO REFERENDUM IS APPARENTLY GOING TO TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED. HEAD OF MNLF CEASEFIRE DELEGATION, THAM MANJOORSA, HAS REAFFIRMED TO AT LEAST TWO WESTERN REPORTERS THAT AS OF TODAY (APRIL 15) HE HAS STILL NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM NUR MISUARI. PENDING OTHER INSTRUCTIONS, ACCORDING MANJOORSA, LOCAL MNLF INSTRUCTIONS REMAIN AS BEFORE-- I.E. NON-PARTICIPATION IN REFERENDUM BUT NO HARRASSMENT OR INTERFERENCE. MANJOORSA EXPRESSED ANNOYANCE AT GOP PRESS CAMPAIGN ALLEGING SCHISMS IN MNLF.

2. PRESS ATTACHE, RICHARD SCHOONOVER, WILL REPRESENT EMBASSY ON GOVERNMENT-HOSTED OBSERVATION TOUR OF REFERENDUM AREAS (REFTEL B). APPROXIMATELY 20 DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ARE PARTICIPATING. PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED INITIAL BRIEFING

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FROM PRESIDENT MARCOS AT MALACANANG THIS MORNING. PRESIDENT COVERED FAMILIAR POINTS OF GOVERNMENT POSITION. PARTICIPANTS WILL DEPART FOR MINDANAO TOMORROW MORNING (APRIL 16) VIA TWO PHILIPPINE AIRLINES AIRCRAFT. ONCE IN MINDANAO OBSERVERS WILL BE SPLIT INTO 9 SEPARATE GROUPS FOR TOURS OF POLLING AREAS. SCHOONOVER'S GROUP (WHICH INCLUDES SWISS, ITALIAN AND THAI EMOFFS) WILL RECEIVE

ADDITIONAL BRIEFINGS IN ILIGAN CITY ON APRIL 16.
ON FOLLOWING DAY (APRIL 17) GROUP WILL TOUR POLLING AREAS
IN LANA DEL SUR AND LANA DEL NORTE VIA HELICOPTER. ON
APRIL 18 GROUP WILL PROCEED TO ZAMBOANGA, WHERE ALL PARTI-
CIPANTS WILL REUNITE TO OBSERVE TABULATION OF RESULTS
BY COMELEC. PARTICIPANTS WILL RETURN TO MANILA EVENING
OF APRIL 18.
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